

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Christopher Rimkus Assistant General Counsel MarkWest Energy Partners – L.P. 1515 Arapahoe St., Suite 1600 Denver, CO 80202 Christopher.rimkus@markwest.com

Re: Approval Regarding Revised Project Plan Documentation for Humphreys and Harmon Creek Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs)

Dear Mr. Rimkus,

Pursuant to the Consent Decree<sup>1</sup>, MarkWest submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Monitoring Project Plan documentation for the Humphreys Compressor Station (Humphreys) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)<sup>2</sup> on September 4, 2019, and the Harmon Creek Processing Plant (Harmon Creek) SEP<sup>3</sup> on September 20, 2019. MarkWest sought EPA approval of these final submittals consistent with Consent Decree Paragraphs 28(b) and 28(c), and Appendices 7 and 8. In addition to EPA's conditional approval memos dated March 13, 2019 and August 27, 2019 that were sent to MarkWest in response to the revised documentation submitted in September 2018 and July 2019—EPA, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) where applicable, has finalized its review of the final submittals.

Pursuant to Paragraph 28(b) of the Consent Decree, EPA *approves* the Humphreys SEP documentation and the Harmon Creek SEP documentation. In response to this approval, MarkWest shall take all actions required by the approved SEP documentation, in accordance with the schedules and requirements. EPA understands that the SEP documentation will be minimally revised to include signatures. Therefore, EPA requests that MarkWest submit a final version of the documentation to EPA.

If you have any questions regarding EPA's review of this submittal, or wish to request a meeting in response to this letter, you may contact me at 202-564-7889 or [ HYPERLINK "mailto:williams.christopher@epa.gov"].

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United States of America and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection vs. MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources, L.L.C., and Ohio Gathering Company, L.L.C., No. 2:18-cv-00520-LPL (W.D. Pa. entered July 9, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sonoma Technologies Inc, *Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Humphreys Compressor Station Ambient Air Monitoring*, August 28, 2018 [sic], Version: 1.3. Filename: QAPP\_Humphreys\_8-28-2019.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Trinity Consultants MSI, Monitoring & Quality Management Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan for MarkWest's Harmon Creek Processing Plant Air Toxics Monitoring Stations, November 2018 [sic], Revision: 0. Effective Period: December 1, 2019 – November 30, 2024. Filename: MarkWest Harmon Creek QAPP Final.pdf